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In re Application of

HAUPTMANN et al.

Application No. 09/890,804

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DECISION ON PETITION  
TO WITHDRAW  
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(b), filed December 14, 2005.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The Office cannot approve the request at this time since the reasons provided do not meet any of the conditions under the mandatory or permissive categories enumerated in 37 CFR 10.40. The reasons set forth in the request, "File transferred[.]" do not meet any the conditions set forth in 37 CFR 10.40 since it is unclear whether this statement indicates that the practitioner is discharged by the client (37 CFR 10.40(b)(4)), the client knowingly and freely assents to the termination of the employment (37 CFR 10.40(c)(5)) or one of the other reasons stated in 37 CFR 10.40.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

A Notice of Appeal was filed on December 1, 2005, which requires a response from the Applicant within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272- 4787.

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